

I am writing as a concerned citizen. I am concerned about who's interests the corporations that control the media have in mind. I feel that they are not mine, nor are they the interests of people like me. I feel that these corporations their own interests in mind and nobody elses. They are only concerned with what is good for themselces.

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. This is a vivid example of the corruption that is an ever present threat to our democracy. The information that is made available to the public is too often skewed to one side (the pro-corporate side) of the debate. This does not foster healthy debate, which strong democracies definitely need.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. We need to make sure that our public airwaves truly are kept in the public's interest.

Thank you.

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